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Foreign Minister Gromyko said the following in the course of the USSR general debate statement to the General Assembly on 28 September:	
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"Naturally, the United Nations should work actively in all the fields envisaged by the Charter. We can only welcome the fact that this session of the General Assembly will discuss quite a number of questions arising in connexion with the advancement of the scientific and technological revolution. The Soviet Union has submitted one such item for inclusion in the agenda of the session. I have in mind the question of the conclusion of a treaty concerning the moon.

The time has come to reach agreement on provisions which would be universally binding and which would ensure that the research and the exploitation of the moon would be exclusively for peaceful purposes in the interests of the living and succeeding generations. We express the hope that our proposal to conclude a treaty concerning the moon will meet with the support of all Member States of the United Nations.

Preparations are under way for two important international conferences, one on the environment and the other on the law of the sea. Here the United Nations has to make its contribution to these

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conferences, as they will be considering questions which in our day and age are closely linked to the living conditions of man and to the further progress of our civilization." (A/PV.1942 at 61)

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